

**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph beginning at p. 7, line 25, with the following new paragraph:

Al An embodiment of the apparatus of the invention may be incorporated in a dry system for ultrasonic bone testing, generally of the type set forth in U.S. patent No. 5,755,228 and in U.S. patent applications Serial No. 08/477,580 filed June 7, 1995 (now U.S. patent No. 6,004,272), Serial No. 08/866,804 filed May 30, 1997 (~~allowed~~ now U.S. patent No. 5,935,073), and Serial No. 09/277,838 filed March 26, 1999 (which also describes wet systems for ultrasonic bone testing) (now U.S. patent No. 6,352,512 B1), the entire disclosures of which are incorporated herein by this reference.